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EGYPTIAN IDEAS OF THE FUTURE LIFE. By E. A. WALLIS BUDGE, M.A., LITT.D., D.LIT. With eight illustrations. London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co., 1899. Pp. xv + 198. 3s. 6d.

THIS is a popularly written little book by a competent scholar who, as might be expected, has his own views on the mooted points of Egyptian religion. While, as the title indicates, the bulk of the work is devoted to an exposition of the notions of the future life held in ancient Egypt, the author has given us chapters on a wider range of topics connected with the Egyptian ideas of God. After making the very proper distinction between the developed Egyptian religion, which is all the Egyptian religion that we know, and the early beliefs and worships out of which it grew, Dr. Budge asserts that this developed religion had already the idea of one supreme God, beside whom there was no other, and the idea of resurrection after death. This is very far from the view that the Egyptians started with monotheism and developed polytheism, etc., out of it, though the language of the book, in some instances, does not seem to maintain the distinction. Yet it must also be said that even Dr. Budge's statement does not by any means represent the prevailing view on this subject, and in any case this monotheism which is asserted cannot be shown to be much more than a theological tenet of the schools of priests. Perhaps the most satisfactory element of the book is its copious quotations of important illustrative texts from papyri and inscriptions not within reach of the unprofessional reader. They range from fourth-dynasty pyramid texts to eighteenth-century hymns, and even to Plutarch's Isis and Osiris. There is not much system in the book, and a reader is liable to be confused in the labyrinth of unorganized details. But it may be that at present little more than a descriptive account of Egyptian religious ideas and practices is possible, and this, so far as concerns the views of the future life in Egypt, is given by the accomplished author. The want of an index will be felt by many.

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BABYLONIAN RELIGION AND MYTHOLOGY. By L. W. KING, M.A., F.S.A. With twelve illustrations. London: Kegan Paul Trench, Trübner & Co., 1899. Pp. xi + 220. 3s. 6d.

MR. KING writes on the above subject in the series of "Books on Egypt and Chaldæa," which was introduced by Dr. Budge's *Egyptian*